

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claims 31-46. (Withdrawn).

Claim 47. (Currently Amended) A method for manufacturing a co-extruded food product, ~~in particular sausage,~~ comprising the steps of:

a. co-extruding a continuous string of a food product which is provided all around with a substantially uniform collagen layer;

b. subjecting the collagen layer to a coagulating treatment under the influence of coagulants, whereafter the final co-extruded food product is obtained; and

c. separating the string of food product into separate units before subjecting these to the coagulation treatment.

Claim 48. (Previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 47, wherein the method comprises the further step of:

Subjecting the food product to a pre-coagulation treatment after the co-extrusion step, wherein the collagen layer is brought into contact with pretreatment coagulants.

Claim 49. (Previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 47, wherein the collagen layer is formed from collagen gel to which dry collagen is added.

Claim 50. (Previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 49, wherein the dry collagen is added to the collagen gel during the co-extrusion.

Claim 51. (Previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 49, wherein the dry collagen has a fibrous structure.

Claim 52. (Previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 47, wherein the collagen layer around the final co-extruded food product comprises 6.5 to 15% by weight collagen.

Claim 53. (Previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 47, wherein the collagen layer around the final co-extruded food product comprises 7 to 12% by weight collagen.

Claim 54. (Previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 47, wherein the collagen layer around the final co-extruded food product comprises 8 to 10% by weight collagen.

Claim 55. (Previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 47, wherein the coagulants comprise a carbonate solution, a liquid smoke, a potassium phosphate solution or mixtures thereof.

Claim 56. (Previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 47, wherein the coagulants comprise dipotassium monohydrogen phosphate.

Claim 57. (Currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 49 further comprising the use of dry collagen in the method as claimed in claim 49.